









## THE RUSSIANS IN NORTH-CHINA.

A correspondent now at Moukden who, it must be frankly confessed, has nothing of the Vlassophiles about him, writes that he has seen a splen of the proposed Russian railway from western Siberia, east of the Lakes, *via* Kinkeltz and Urga to Peking. He says that the Russians have made the survey for this railway, and are working on it from the Trans-Siberian railway, and they intend to complete the railway first at the most important, while continuing their work on the Manchurian line. He says he

was asked by an official the other day what the Bagdad intended to do; as the Chinese understood that tour. Government would prevent Russia taking Peking. The Manchu railway is going on very slowly and is scarcely built; the telegraph wire is up, but so far very little earthwork beyond Shenyang. The Russians are getting on with the bridges, wooden ones, and are preparing the timber and piles for the bridge across the river to Moukden, but up to the present no work has been done on it. Our correspondent reiterates the complaints about the squeezing,

Interceptors employed by the Russians who are guilty of this. Our correspondent adds that the Russian soldiers stop at the Chinese inns and go into the shops and take what they like at their own prices, sometimes without paying at all, so that the junkshops now will not take in any foreigners if they can help it. The Russians are working at the mines in Linbyang without any official orders from the Chinese Government, and they are also trying to get other mines in the district. The men

who are in Russian employ, or who are shot or wounded, are sent to the British missionary doctors, who do a great deal of work for the Russians. The people are only too ready to see the country opened and to trade readily to foreign things. Six new foreign shops have been opened in Monk-dan by Chinese from Shanghai; they are called "Shanghai Stores," etc., and everything can be bought in them, wines, stores, drugs, silks, cloaks, etc. Rickshaws are also for sale, but there are none as yet plying on the streets. There are

are full of people and are doing well, and more are being filtered into the foreign capital. A German firm got an order from the Viceroy the other day for 10,000 guns and 10,000,000 cartridges. The crops look well and the hemp is already being harvested. Our correspondent finishes with a note on the omnipresence of the Russian soldier in Manchuria. His letter is dated the 22d of August.—*N.-C. Daily News.*

GENERAL'S MISSION.

Since the French demand in 1898 for the lease of Kuangchowwan and its cession to them by China very little has been written on the subject owing to its being little known nowadays to the outside world, except to junkmen trading between Hainan Island and the West. Kuangtung and Tongking coasts. But in the time of the previous Ming dynasty Kuangchowwan was the head-

quarters of large fleets, or pirates, who, by reason of their hold of the place, dominated not only the sea route, north of Hainan Island, but the whole coast-line between Kuangchow and Tungking. This state of affairs is still as true now as it was three centuries ago, and the French at Kuangchow will easily be the masters of the whole Kuangtung and Tungking coasts. The Chinese know this, but they did not at the time of the French demand, and they are now trying their best to counteract their fatal omission of Kuangchow.

The Chinese claim (says the *N.-C. Daily News*) that the French demanded, at first, a lease of only 150 li square of territory, and with the object of delimiting the boundaries of the ceded region. Chou, acting Consul of Kiangshu, and P'an, Taoist of the Kan-Lien-Ching Intendency, were sent as Commissioners to meet a French Commissioner, early this year. Arrived at Kiangshuwan, however, the Chinese Commissioners found that the French were not satisfied with the site first demanded and

in addition wanted an extra territory of over double the original demand. This the two Thais were not prepared to grant, but they zealously went to work to find why the French wanted such an out-of-the-way place as Kunmingchow. Reference to the local *portrait* records soon explained the importance of the place: *via*-*de* Hsinan Island, the Kuangtung coast, west of Lienchow Peninsula, and the Gulf of Tongking, and it soon became apparent to the Chinese Government that any further cession of

lands and territory in the vicinity of Kuangshouwan would not only make it inappreciable from the sea and mainland, but also show the whole western coast of the province as well as Hainan Island completely at the mercy of the French. With Kuangshouwan alone it would be the French, and the neighbouring islands and mainland in the hands of the Chinese force, the island would be at the mercy of the French, and this in view of the French Government is determining the fate of the French.

demanded. "Already the Chinese and French Communist forces have many times, but with no result, taken opposite sides would give way. There has been the reason for sending General Su to settle the question, once for all. The French like the General, whom they style Marshal Su, as he has been very friendly, uniformly courteous, and liberal-minded in his dealings with the French on the Tongking-Kuangtung borders; the General's headquarters being in the city of Chienchow, to the north of Pak-

hoi, and a few miles east of the French borders; while the Chinese, on the other hand, have great confidence in him as he commanded the victorious Chinese troops at Lungshan (Lungson) in the late Franco-Chinese war in 1884. As General Su has nearly 20,000 troops in the vicinity of Ch'ingchow, who are also pretty well armed, this gives colour to the report, that the Empress Dowager's last verbal command to the General—when he left Peking last week—were to fight the French if necessary.

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**Great Britain, Japan and Russia.**  
*London, August 31.*—Mr Joseph W. T. M. P. for Ramsey, who is now making a tour in the Far East, and recently spent some time in Tokyo, has wired from Peking that Japanese politicians are eager for co-operation of Great Britain in settling the Chinese question, and that it is urged by the high officials that such cooperation formed the only hope that partition of China would be averted.

The *Times* correspondent at Peking states that the Russians have been expelled from Korea by Japanese, whose declaration of war has nullified all attempts on the part of the Russians to secure political advantages in the peninsula.

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